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Arrest in subway bombing

Critically injured man charged on 45 counts

By Tom Hays
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — A man critically injured by a firebomb that shot flames through a crowded subway car was arrested in his hospital bed today and charged with 45 counts of attempted murder and assault.

The suspect is Edward J. Leary, a 49-year-old unemployed computer operator from Scotch Plains, N.J., Transit Police spokesman Al O'Leary said.

Leary was under police guard at Cornell Medical Center, where he was in critical conditions with burns to his face, knuckles and legs, the police spokesman said.

Leary became a suspect when he left the scene of the blast Wednesday in lower Manhattan and traveled about two miles to the borough of Brooklyn, possibly on foot, in pain and with his pants scorched and in tatters.

He was one of four passengers critically injured, and detectives were unable to question him. But state and federal investigators along with New York City officers searched Leary's home in New Jersey and planned to return later today to search further. Police were not talking about what they found.

Police said they were investigating whether there was any link between the explosion and another



A transit policeman carries away a briefcase charred in blast.

blast that injured two teenagers Friday on a subway line in Harlem.

"The most we can say right now is that both devices were homemade concoctions," Transit Police Chief Michael O'Connor said.

The explosion of the crude firebomb sent holiday shoppers into hysterics, inspired acts of heroism by passengers and triggered an

emergency response that tied up downtown streets for hours.

It occurred just one block east of the World Trade Center, where a terrorist bomb killed six people and hurt 1,000 in February 1993.

"I thought, 'Here we go again,'" said investment banker Mike Klein, who was passing by the station when the firebomb went off.

Passengers left behind brief-

cases, purses and Christmas packages as they scrambled for safety.

Police said the bomb went off, possibly in a passenger's lap, as the train sat with its doors open in the Fulton Street station, where an average of 50,000 people a day enter eight subway lines. It was not clear if the bomb was detonated accidentally.

An off-duty Transit Police offi-

cer, Denfield Otto, was on his way to choir practice at about 1:30 p.m. when he heard a series of popping noises. Fifteen seconds later, he said, there was an explosion and a wall of flames on his subway car.

"I got two people in flames, laying on the floor of the train," Otto said. "Some brave passengers took off their coats and tried to beat back the flames."

Otto raced to the station's token booth and came back with a fire extinguisher.

Officers Michael Ruiz and Anthony Roa were accompanying an ambulance taking Leary to the medical center when they heard a police radio broadcast describing a man seen leaving the subway after the fire.

"We said to each other, 'Hey, that sounds like our guy,'" Ruiz said.

According to Ruiz, Leary claimed he walked through the subway tunnel under the East River after the fire.

Leary's neighbors said he moved to Scotch Plains with his wife and son about a year or two ago. They said he recently lost his job on Wall Street, but his wife continued to work.

"He seemed like a regular guy," said a former neighbor, Victor Banescu. "I would never see him involved in something like this. He never sounded bitter about anything."

Gov.-elect George Pataki issued a statement urging the death penalty for the person behind the firebombing.

Nerlande Estimphil, 25, of Brooklyn, was Christmas shopping when she saw victims emerging from the subway station, including a teenage girl whose hair, coat and face were burned.

Estimphil said the girl sat on the ground, repeating: "Thank you, Jesus. Thank you, Jesus."

UAB study: Vitamin A derivative puts brakes on leukemia

By Betsy Butgereit
News staff writer

The same vitamin A derivative that women are smearing on their faces to reduce wrinkles seems, in pill form, to put a deadly childhood cancer into remission, according to two UAB doctors.

Dr. Robert Castleberry and Dr. Peter Emanuel, who work at the University of Alabama at Birmingham's Comprehensive Cancer Center, report in today's *New England Journal of Medicine* that 13 cis-retinoic acid stymies juvenile chronic myelogenous leukemia.

Putting children, often diagnosed with JCML when they are only months old, into remission keeps them healthy until they reach an age when a bone-marrow transplant works better, Castleberry said.

The findings also raise the possibility of combining the drug with low-dose chemotherapy and using it before or after a transplant to attempt to increase the dismal cure rate of this leukemia, he said.

About five of every 100,000 children are diagnosed with some form of leukemia. Of those who are diagnosed, about 1 percent have JCML, Castleberry said. He estimates that means between 40 and 50 new cases are diagnosed each year.

"With current trends of therapy, you can expect somewhere in the neighborhood of 90 percent are going to die," Castleberry said.

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Vending firms misled investors, workers state

By Stan Diehl
News staff writer

A group of Alabama businesses deliberately misled investors about potential profits, references and business deals, an employee of one company and an incorporator of another said in court documents.

Forever Yours Inc., Lucky Pix Inc. and M.H. Marketing Inc. — which are among about 30 related vending companies targeted by a state and federal investigation — defrauded more than 200 people, according to a suit filed against the three companies and 38 of their employees.

A company salesman said up to 500 people invested up to \$7.5 million in the companies.

Sworn statements from the founder of Forever Yours and the salesman were filed recently as part of the lawsuit.

A Feb. 23 hearing has been set in U.S. District Court in Birmingham to determine whether the lawsuit will be granted class-action status. Paul Spina, an attorney representing investors, said

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North Korean soldiers bring coffin to exchange point.

Body returned; other pilot may be freed soon

By Ju-Yeon Kim
Associated Press writer

PANMUNJOM, Korea — North Korea returned the body of an American pilot today, and a U.S. congressman said the communist nation will shortly free his detained colleague.

U.S. Rep. Bill Richardson, who helped negotiate the repatriation of Chief Warrant Officer David Hilemon's body, predicted that Chief Warrant Officer Bobby Hall soon will be back on South Korean soil.

"Bobby Hall will return shortly," Richardson said today after leaving North Korea. He did not elaborate.

Richardson accompanied the rough reddish-brown casket carrying Hilemon's body as the North Koreans handed it over at the border crossing in the truce village of Panmunjom.

The two men were aboard an unarmed U.S. Army OH-58C helicopter that strayed across the Demilitarized Zone and into North Korean territory last Saturday while on a routine training mission.

North Korea has said its troops shot down the chopper. There was no way for U.S. officials to confirm that, however, without talking with Hall.

Richardson told reporters he was unable to see Hall, but was able to convey a message of love from Hall's wife. The North Koreans have said Hall is in good condition but won't be released until they complete their investigation into the incident.

"The meetings we held with North Korea were tough, were difficult," Richardson said. "The arrangement we had was the best we could get."

On a frosty day with beams of sunlight breaking through the clouds, Richardson crossed the border before the casket and shook hands with the 10 U.N. liaison officers waiting on the South Korean side.

They went as a group to the North Korean side to inspect the coffin. A North Korean honor guard in green overcoats carried the rectangular box to the demarcation line.

As U.N. officers saluted, the coffin was then carried about 100 yards by a seven-man U.N.

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Lawyers submit arguments on 2,000 challenged ballots



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From staff and wire reports

MONTGOMERY — Democratic attorneys told a federal appeals court it has no jurisdiction in Alabama's election dispute, and urged the court to throw out a Republican lawsuit over contested absentee ballots.

In written arguments filed Wednesday with the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, the attorneys said the case deals with issues that can be decided only by Alabama courts — namely, qualifications of voters for state, county and municipal offices, and the workings of the state's electoral process.

Republican attorneys, meanwhile, urged the 11th Circuit to remain in-

involved in the dispute. Alabama's state court system is overwhelmingly Democratic.

At issue is whether 2,000 disputed absentee ballots in Alabama's Nov. 8 election should be counted.

The outcome of the chief justice's race hangs in the balance.

In written arguments to the appeals court, Republican attorney Albert Jordan renewed claims that ballots which lack the signatures of two witnesses or a notary public are illegal and should be thrown out.

Joe Whatley, attorney for absentee voters — most of whom are black — repeated his claims that the disputed ballots are legal and not counting

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



AP PHOTO

SKIING SANTA: Rich Caulfield of New London, Conn., catches a little air as he jet-skis on the Thames River Wednesday. Unseasonably warm weather is forecast for the region for the next several days, including Santa's big day.

Rapper Snoop Doggy Dogg faces drug charge

LAKE CHARLES, La. — Rap star **Snoop Doggy Dogg** was arrested on misdemeanor drug charges Wednesday after deputies serving legal papers said they smelled marijuana. He later canceled a concert scheduled for Wednesday night without giving a reason. The 23-year-old singer was led from the Players Casino Hotel in handcuffs and later was booked under his real name, Calvin Broadus. Three members of his band also were arrested. Each of the four was booked on one count of possession of marijuana and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia, Calcasieu Parish Sheriff Wayne McElveen said. They each posted \$2,000 bail.

Christie Brinkley to wed on ski mountain

TELLURIDE, Colo. — The last time **Christie Brinkley** got married, it was on a yacht. This time, she decided to try something different. Brinkley planned to marry real estate developer **Richard Taubman** this afternoon nearly 12,000 feet high on Telluride's ski mountain — wearing a designer mohair wedding gown and surrounded by snow-covered peaks.

Soccer great Pele named to Brazilian Cabinet

BRASILIA, Brazil — Call him Secretary **Pele**. The most celebrated player in soccer history was named Wednesday to the Cabinet by President-elect **Fernando Henrique Cardoso**. Pele will be the Special Secretariat for Sports, a new position. *From wire reports*

EDITOR'S NOTES

Milton McGregor, owner of the Birmingham Race Course and VictoryLand, said a Dec. 15 *Birmingham News* story about the possibility of his closing the two tracks at the end of the 1995 season needs clarification. McGregor said he told his employees that their jobs were secure for the time being, but no track in Alabama could survive if the Poarch Creek Indians open casinos and the dog tracks in the state are not allowed to have casinos of their own. He also said he told employees he didn't think voters in Alabama would allow that to happen.

Kids ask

Q. Why aren't the video images from the space shuttles as clear as an image you get from normal TV production? And why are the audio voices from space so poor when obviously they should be able to make them crystal-clear?

A. There are two types of cameras aboard the shuttles — a closed-circuit TV camera and a specially modified camcorder — and their images are generally as good as any you see on the evening news, said James Hartsfield, a NASA spokesman at Johnson Space Center in Houston.

The audio is from air-to-ground radio transmission similar to ship-to-shore radio. Hartsfield said NASA could get better sound with more expensive, heavier equipment but sticks with what it has because "that's all we need."

WORLD WAR II

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The commander of the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division wins fame with a one-word rejection of the Germans' demand for the surrender of surrounded Bastogne: "Nuts!" Elsewhere in the Bulge, American troops finally give up the key town of St. Vith, but German commanders realize their offensive has been fatally delayed and plead unsuccessfully for Hitler's permission to withdraw.

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Porn star Staller's husband gets divorce

NEW YORK (AP) — Ilona Staller's porn films made quite an impression in divorce court.

Calling Staller a "lifelong pornographer," a judge awarded artist Jeffrey Koons custody of their son and dismissed Staller's bid for more of Koons' assets.

Koons, 40, also was granted a divorce from the former porn star and bare-breasted Italian parliament member on the grounds of cruel and inhumane treatment. Koons claimed Staller, 43, had threatened to kill him, menaced him with a knife and hit, kicked and scratched him several times.

Staller — who is known as "La Cicciolina," or "little, cuddly one" — fled for Italy in June with her 2-year-old son, Ludwig Maximilian Koons. She did not attend the trial.

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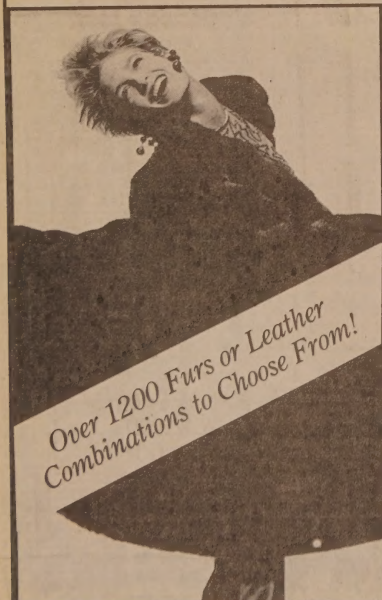
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Whitewater shows insiders' racket of government at work

I think most of us wish the government would just go away and leave us alone. It has become incomprehensibly complicated, as well as intrusive. My own desire is not just to reduce its sheer size, but to make it intelligible to citizens who can't devote full time to following politics. This makes me temperamentally an outsider in a capital populated by insiders.

Most people are bound to be outsiders, to whom the insiders are somewhat mysterious. The most mysterious thing about them is their motivation. I can't understand why anyone would want to be a politician, a bureaucrat, a government lawyer, or the sort of journalist who pays court to such people.

Fun for them

But what seems tedious work to you and me is actually fun for others. You have to understand that people like Bill and Hillary Clinton enjoy all the complications of law and government the way kids enjoy video games. Smart lawyers both, they know how to work the system, the maze of laws and regulations, that confuses and repels the rest of us. They know how to win

at the game the rest of us not only lose at but hate being forced to play. And their driving impulse is to add more complications to it, thereby increasing the advantage insiders hold over outsiders.

This, I think, is the key to Whitewater. Some months ago I decided not to become a Whitewater wonk. I stopped following the details of the unfolding story, leaving it to people who like that sort of thing and have a better head for it than I do.

Lately, though, I've been reading *The Great Whitewater Fiasco* by Martin Gross, just published by Ballantine Books. Like Gross' recent best-seller, *The Government Racket: Washington Waste From A to Z*, the new book displays his gift for researching a subject in depth and translating insider jargon into clear, biting prose. It's first-class populist journalism.

Writing a book about Whitewater might seem to be a high-risk investment of time. The story could have either faded away or, if new details emerged, outrun the



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effort to capture it in a book.

Gross has been lucky. He wrote the book before the Republicans captured Congress and gave Whitewater high priority. Now, I suspect, even the Democrats may want to rid themselves of the albatross at the top of the ticket.

Gross guides the reader through the legal maze of Whitewater, and kindred Clintonian-Rodhamite enterprises, with the confidence that the whole story can be told in plain English. The whole story, that is, minus some missing records — though the fact that they are missing is a part of the story. He focuses shrewdly on the \$30,000 house Hillary Clinton bought, or allowed to be bought in her name, in the Whitewater development, thereby allowing the Clintons' crony James McDougal in effect to have a bank he controlled lend money to his own real estate project. Under inspection, this transaction gives rise to several contradictions, which come to this: "Either Hillary really owned the land or she didn't. Either way, several improper activities took place." This pattern has occurred several times in the

Clinton's business dealings, where marriage, friendship, partnership and political alliance all seem to merge conveniently. The Clintons may have started out as idealists, of sorts, but they quickly learned to make the system pay handsome profits. And once they had political power in Arkansas, they found lots of eager tutors. If they had stayed in Arkansas, out of the fishbowl of national scrutiny, they might have gone undetected forever — as many no doubt have done. But the White House posed an irresistible temptation.

No meaning here

Nothing about the Whitewater scheme is monstrous. It may be, at worst, only technically criminal. But it shows how government can become an insiders' racket, unrelated to its public professions of "compassion" and at the opposite pole from any "politics of meaning." And of course it casts an odd light on the Clintons' jeremiads against the (Republican) "decade of greed."

Getting rid of the Clintons won't be too hard. But can we get rid of the system they are creatures of?

Joseph Sobran, formerly of National Review, has written this syndicated column for 10 years.

Meeting Santa at the gas station

By Rob Lagerstrom

You never know when you're going to experience the true meaning of Christmas. It certainly doesn't happen before Halloween and it's pushing it to be eating turkey while making your list and checking it twice. Christmas hits you over the head with a lump of coal when you're not looking.

This whole year (OK, most of my life) I have been terribly remiss in helping out people less fortunate than I. I have also spent this year thinking I am less fortunate than other people.

Then, the other day, I met Santa Claus.

Self-involved

I was on my lunch hour and self-involved in my own priorities. Dash to the mall for some last-minute gifts, pick up a prescription, grab lunch and get some gas. Suddenly I got held up in a line of traffic merging onto Crestwood Boulevard. The cause of the delay was a bright red vintage Volkswagen Beetle, poking along at 15 miles per hour. Dangerously slow for a busy four-lane thoroughfare. I was irritated and in a hurry.

The beetle crept into the Crown gas station and I followed it in to gas up.

As I proceeded to fill my tank I looked over at the occupants of the perfectly preserved red antique coach and saw a couple well into their ninth decade sitting passively in front of the pumps. The gentleman driving had opened the door slightly but just sat there, not moving to get out. His wife, barely visible in the passenger seat, was consumed by an overly large ancient fur coat. I was struck by how strangely comic but also tragic the scene was. Why would they just be sitting in the car and not getting out? It occurred to me they may be handicapped and for some reason or another were having trouble and needed help. For a moment I considered going over to ask them if I could be of assistance, but dismissed the idea as conjecture. After all, they may have had some legitimate reason to be sitting there and would take my inquiry as an insult or, even worse, be frightened by my intrusion.

I went in to pay the attendant and commented on the scene out front. The clerk was also amused and saddened by the red VW and its occupants sitting outside.

As I left the store, I saw that the old man was now



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standing up but leaning heavily on the bug. Again, I was unsure whether to offer assistance or to let nature fend for itself. I decided to ignore the situation. As I walked back to my car the old man barked, "Hey buddy... will you pump five bucks of gas into my car for me?"

An automatic reaction made me say "all right" and I turned toward their car.

On his head was perched an old, worn, gray felt fedora. His whiskers were white, two weeks long and just forming a beard. Crumpled into the passenger seat sat his soulmate. She was hobbled and bent from a lifetime of beating the odds. They were alone in this world. Together surviving the gift of old age. Alive but infirm. Wizen and unable to exploit their success.

Without prompting he offered an explanation. "I've had a stroke and one of my legs don't work. I can't walk so good."

Acknowledging the irony of the situation, I challenged, "So, how can you drive?"

"I can drive fine son, I just can't walk," he countered.

As the pump counted up to \$5 I pondered the moral dilemma I was faced with. Here I was, being a good Samaritan to a fellow in need and at the same time I was helping to imperil the lives of a man, his wife and the public at large.

It was clear that these folks had no one else to take care of them. They were on their own, bravely risking life and limb to do whatever it took to survive. Take away their mobility and they would surely wither and die. Their little red VW bug was their last chariot to freedom. But let them continue to drive and surely they, and possibly someone else, would also soon meet their maker.

"Don't put the cap back on too tight cause I can't get it back off if you do!" he barked. His wife meekly

waved five \$1 bills at me from her nest in the front seat. "Here, would you pay for us?" she pleaded.

I gingerly screwed the gas cap back on and thought to myself, "My God, what reward is there in making it this far in life?"

As I went inside to pay, the old man inched his way back into the tiny car.

Pathos, mixed with social responsibility, dominated my thoughts as I walked back to my car. Taking the easy way out, I avoided looking back at the scene behind me. These fragile folks had been forced to expose their frailty to the whims of a stranger. I could have as easily passed up their request, or ripped them off and laughed at their misfortune.

It was then I was hit with a lump of coal-hard reality. Christmas is more than just a time of year, it's a state of mind. Santa Claus is not merely a symbol of commercial exploitation but a reminder of the gift of giving. Where are the reindeer when you need them, Santa?

"Thank you son, thank you very much!" the octogenarian yelled as he lowered himself into his sleigh.

Wish fulfillment

Instead of Santa Claus fulfilling my wishes, I had fulfilled his.

"You're welcome... Good luck" is all I managed to mumble as I nimbly snuck back into my fancy luxury car. I still needed to get to the mall, after all. Though now my mission seemed less compelling.

I swear though, that I heard him exclaim, as I drove out of sight, Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good life.

Rob Lagerstrom is operations manager for a Birmingham television production company. He wrote this for The News.

God's been kidnapped

No one knows how it came to pass that God got kidnapped.

No one knows how He could have been taken unawares, then dragged away to some secret haven known only to the Most Righteous. No one knows how His kidnappers managed to recreate Him in their own images, convert

Him to their politics, or make Him a standard-bearer for their causes. And their fears. No one knows how it happened, but that it happened seems beyond question.

What else could possibly explain the story that came out of Philadelphia last week, about the church where the HIV-positive and those with AIDS are forbidden to worship? These policies are outlined in a placard on the wall of the Old Ship of Zion Church, next to the sign that reads, "All Are Welcome."



LEONARD PITTS

Plague-sufferers

Bishop Nathan Giddings, leader of the 38-member congregation, says his policies are based on his knowledge of God. The HIV-positive and people with AIDS, he says, are unwelcome "because they suffer from a plague." Gays too, are banned because they "have abandoned the way of the Lord." Giddings means his teachings to be a mixture of Christian and Jewish beliefs.

I was curious about that, so I spoke to a Christian, Robert Cromie, senior pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Giddings' teachings are "antithetical" to Christian beliefs, he said.

"Then I spoke to a Jew. 'We don't subscribe to anything like that,' said Rabbi Simcha Freedman of Beth Torah Adath Yeshurun in North Miami Beach. 'On the contrary, our tradition teaches us to open our hearts to those who are afflicted in any way.'"

And I spoke, too, to some of the front-line soldiers — and sufferers — in the AIDS fight. God's house, they told me, should be a "refuge" for the afflicted — not a fortress against them. "A condemning, judgmental God is alien to me," said John Weatherhead, executive director of CenterOne, a Fort Lauderdale AIDS support agency.

"I have a loving God," said Robert, a barber with AIDS who doesn't want his last name used. "I don't have a God that hates me and wants to see me dead."

Nicholas Udall, an HIV-positive landscaper, said simply, "Church should welcome everybody. It doesn't matter if you're blue, green, sick, well, have a virus, don't have one. It should be for everybody."

Or, as a wise friend of mine liked to say, the whole of the Bible can be boiled down to a single, essential truth: God is love.

"All else," he said, "is editorial."

But who knows? Maybe that changed when God was kidnapped. Maybe things are different now that He belongs to the Most Righteous.

I poke fun at them, but I'd be lying if I said I don't also have a certain perverse envy of them. After all, I whisper to Him often, confessing questions and confusions on dark nights when the world lies fallow and too still for comfort. As I do, I wonder what it must be like to be like them — to have no questions or confusions. To know the mind of the Almighty.

God, says Nathan Giddings, wants him to bar the door to sanctuary. You look at the man in all his Most Righteous glory, and if your first response is anger, your second is to shake your head in disbelief at the way he is evidently able to say such things with clear eyes and untroubled conscience.

Then you look at the people on whom the bishop has closed the door, those who have come suddenly face to face with their own mortality and those already traveling the valley of the shadow of death. You look at them and remember Bible stories of Christ, loving and fearless among the lepers.

Get away from me, says Bishop Nathan Giddings to the lepers of the 20th Century.

It sounds nothing like what Jesus said, once upon a Bible verse: "Come unto me... and I will give you rest." But then, that was before God was taken hostage.

Whose fault?

And if God sometimes seems the exclusive property of the Most Righteous, whose fault is that? Theirs? Or those of us who let Him go and sat silent while they laid claim to Him? Either way, the failure — of courage, sensitivity and faith — lies not in Heaven but on Earth. Lies in the pulpit of Old Ship of Zion and the heart of Nathan Giddings, and all the other shadowed places too distant and mean for light to reach.

"The Lord created AIDS and the Lord can cure AIDS," said Bishop Giddings last week. Thankfully, the same holds true for ignorance and fear.

Leonard Pitts is a columnist for the Miami Herald.

Feminist gives daughter a toy kitchen for Christmas

By Mary Newsom

Many years ago, when John Lennon and Elvis Presley were still alive and our most recent women's movement was young, I remember getting into a state of minor outrage about girls' toys. They all seemed to be miniature housework devices — except the Barbie dolls, who were more like miniature hookers. Little boys got baseballs and blocks and trains, while little girls got to cook, clean, feed infants and change diapers.

Couldn't little girls have toys that encouraged simple games? Why steer them toward domesticity? That was what I wondered long, long ago.

Double-wide

Now, in December 1994, I'm wondering whether I should feel guilty that I recently bought, to be unveiled at Christmas, a toy kitchen the size of a double-wide trailer for our preschool daughter. Are we steering her toward a

life of subservience? Have I sold out my feminist ideals?

I don't think so. Our daughter plays with blocks and a toy train, and along with the kitchen, Santa will bring a Velcro baseball glove.

And as the years have passed and I watched friends rear children and began doing so myself, I've thought a lot about women and men and why we value "women's work," such as quilting, less than "men's work," such as frescoes.

I've also spent a lot of time in the kitchen. I've chipped and sauteed, steamed and poached. I've made stew in a clay pot from the Azores, and I once spent 10 hours making feijoada, a Brazilian dish that requires, if my recipe translation was accurate, ox tails and possibly tongue and ears as well. I even set aside an afternoon last month to make Christmas fruitcake. To quote Dr. Seuss, these things are fun, and fun is good.

In addition, I've spent a great deal of time in the past three years caring for a child. Certainly, some parts of that work are not as pleasant as you'd wish — such as The Day I Dropped the Full Diaper and It Splattered. But I can't say they

were more unpleasant than some things I've had to do in 20 years of newspaper work. Now that I think about it, I'd rather put up with 10 dirty diapers than do one more comprehensive election night advance plan for nine counties.

What you look for in a job is whether the rewards counterbalance the bad moments, and for me at least, the rewards of caring for a child are well worth the diapers. Similarly, the rewards of cooking are worth the dirty dishes.

It doesn't bother me when my daughter pretends to bake cupcakes or pasta and pesto. Cooking is an honorable activity, a communal endeavor that draws human beings together in bonds of family and friendship. Nor do I get my nose out of joint when she plays at parenting. How can it be harmful to learn to nurture, to hug, to love?

But cooking and child-rearing, no matter how spiritually rewarding and valuable to humankind, command little respect in our marketplace. Child care workers, for instance, earn far less than plumbers. I suppose it's because women have traditionally done them, and women for centuries had no official standing in

the public economy of commerce and finance and industry. "Women's work" — a world of nurture and food and family — was a private economy without wages or property rights.

Gain clout

That is changing. As women gain clout in the marketplace and in society, we are slowly beginning to give greater respect — and rewards — to some of the important things once considered "women's work."

All that is a roundabout way of saying I'm not going to worry about the toy kitchen and doll-sized stroller that Santa will bring. I hope our daughter will, if she chooses, enjoy cooking and child-rearing. But I also hope they never become traps to keep her from achieving whatever other dreams she may also have, and that if she wants to, she can earn as proud and financially rewarding a living at cooking or child care as she could at plumbing.

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THE WEATHER

U.S.A.		
City	Today	Tomorrow
Albany	25/50	27/44
Albuquerque	30/54	27/51
Amarillo	25/53	26/56
Asheville	37/47	38/49
Atlanta	45/50	42/56
Austin	42/65	40/62
Baltimore	32/52	42/45
Bangor	30/51	31/48
Bismarck	15/38	15/44
Brownsville	59/70	50/66
Buffalo	34/49	37/44
Burlington	30/48	30/41
Casper	25/46	29/50
Charleston WV	35/52	37/45
Cleveland	29/51	35/43
Columbus Oh	30/50	35/45
Dayton	32/51	35/46
Des Moines	25/47	26/47
Duluth	28/38	25/40
Evansville	39/52	38/52
Fargo	23/35	20/39
Flagstaff	22/47	24/47
Grand Rapids	32/48	34/45
Great Falls	36/57	34/52
Greensboro	39/52	41/52
Hartford	29/54	34/46
Helena	18/48	18/45
Indianapolis	37/49	35/48
Janeau	34/38	32/36
Las Vegas	34/51	34/60
Louisville	39/51	38/51
Lubbock	29/55	29/55
Milwaukee	33/43	34/45
Norfolk	45/55	48/49
North Platte	19/55	22/56
Oklahoma City	32/50	32/54
Omaha	23/47	23/47
Pittsburgh	26/49	34/42
Portland ME	35/52	35/49
Portland OR	35/53	44/54
Providence	32/50	37/47
Raleigh	40/53	44/54
Rapid City	28/52	27/50
Reno	26/52	28/52
Richmond	37/52	44/47
Sacramento	43/47	42/47
St. Pete-Tampa	57/69	51/66
San Antonio	40/65	38/62
San Diego	45/67	45/67
St. Louis	33/40	28/40
St. Paul	25/36	25/40
Spokane	32/41	34/42
Syracuse	33/53	36/43
Topeka	30/45	29/52
Tucson	45/68	50/66
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Wichita	30/48	30/52
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Wilmington	30/51	41/44

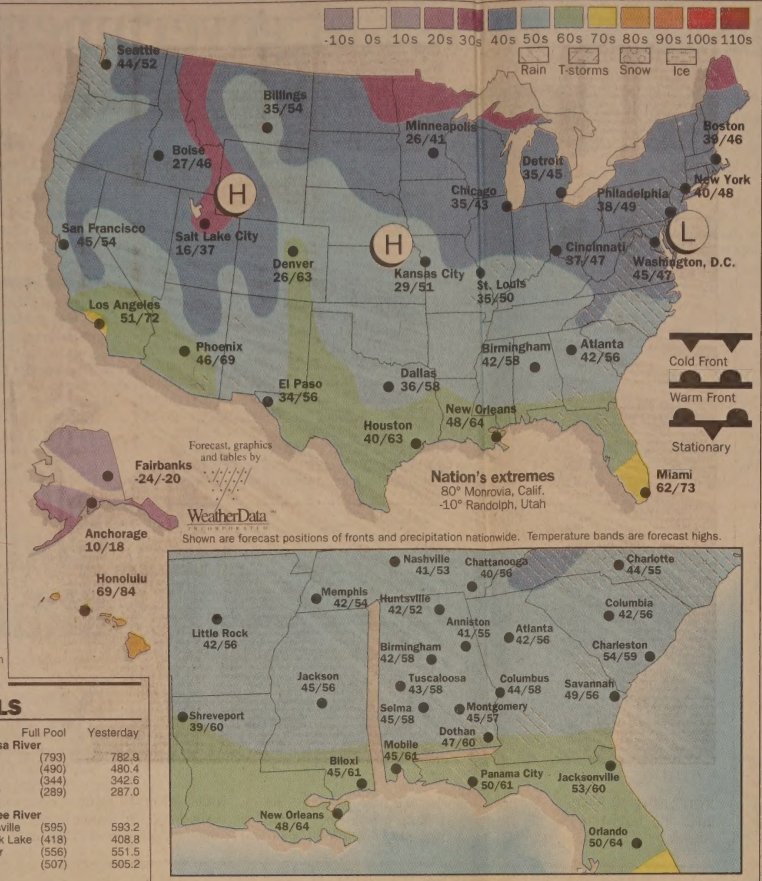
BIRMINGHAM FOUR-DAY OUTLOOK

Friday
Mostly cloudy
42/58

Saturday
Partly cloudy
33/60

Sunday
Partly cloudy
29/57

Monday
Mostly sunny
30/60



BIRMINGHAM	
TEMPERATURES	
High Yesterday	65
Low Yesterday	53
Mean Temperature	58
Departure from normal for the month	-4.7
Normal high for yesterday	84
Normal low for yesterday	54

PRECIPITATION	
Yesterday	0.00
Total for the month to date	3.75
Normal for the month to date	4.33
Departure from normal for the month	-0.58
Total for the year to date	60.49
Normal for the year to date	52.88
Departure from normal for year	-7.81

RECORDS	
Record high for yesterday	73 (1923)
Record low for yesterday	11 (1901)

AIR QUALITY	
Air quality index is	38

ALABAMA	
Yesterday's low/high and precip	
Anniston	42/64 0.00
Dothan	46/64 0.00
Gadsden	46/64 0.00
Huntsville	37/63 0.00
Mobile	44/66 0.00
Montgomery	44/66 0.00
Muscle Shoals	38/62 0.00
Pittsburg	37/64 0.00
Selma	46/66 0.00
Tuscaloosa	38/68 0.00

WORLD	
City	Today Low Hi Wthr
Amsterdam	26/49 s
Athens	52/59 c
Beijing	18/33 s
Berlin	36/43 s
Buenos Aires	63/76 c
Buenos Aires	88/88 sh
Calgary	49/68 s
Calgary	22/51 s
Hong Kong	57/65 pc
Jerusalem	39/50 s
Johannesburg	65/76 pc
Kingston	74/89 pc
London	40/50 c
Madrid	26/44 s
Mexico City	54/72 c
Montreal	32/38 pc
Moscow	1/10 c
Nairobi	53/73 c
New Delhi	40/71 pc
Oslo	33/40 pc
Paris	29/45 s
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Rome	37/51 c
San Juan	71/87 pc
Sydney	72/102 h
Tokyo	47/62 c
Toronto	30/47 h
Vienna	29/33 c
Warsaw	17/21 c

SUN/MOON DATA	
Sun Today	6:48 a.m.
Sun Tomorrow	6:48 a.m.
Moon Today	9:39 a.m.
Moon Tomorrow	10:17 p.m.

SETS	
4:43 p.m.	4:44 p.m.
9:39 a.m.	10:14 a.m.

Dec. 25 Jan. 1 Jan. 8 Jan. 16

Metro Outlook
Mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 30 percent chance of rain. Continued mostly cloudy over the area Friday. Skies will be partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday.

State Outlook
Mostly cloudy tonight with a 30 percent chance of rain, except over extreme South Alabama. Low temperatures will be in the low and mid-40s. Continued mostly cloudy Friday with a 20 percent chance of rain in Southeast Alabama. High temperatures will range from the low 50s to the low 60s. Skies will be partly cloudy statewide Saturday and Sunday.

National Outlook
A strong storm system will continue to move up the East Coast Friday. Locally heavy rain is likely with this system, along with strong winds, coastal flooding and possible beach erosion. Another system will push toward the Pacific Northwest coast causing rain from northern California to Washington. Two high pressure centers, one over Wyoming and the other over the Kansas-Nebraska border, will provide mostly sunny skies and mild temperatures for the Rockies and Plains. A few scattered showers will develop in the Southwest.

SOUTHEAST
CENTRAL FLORIDA: A chance of showers tonight. Lows, upper 40s and low 50s. Mostly cloudy skies Friday. Highs, 60s and low 70s. Partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday.
FLORIDA PANHANDLE: Mostly cloudy skies tonight. Lows, 40s and low 50s. A chance of showers Friday. Highs in the low 60s. Partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday.

GEORGIA: Showers likely tonight. Lows mainly in the 40s. Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers south Friday. Highs, 50s and low 60s. Mostly cloudy Saturday and Sunday.
MISSISSIPPI: Variable clouds tonight. Lows in the 40s. Partly to mostly cloudy Friday. Highs, 50s and low 60s. Partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday.

NORTH CAROLINA: Rain likely tonight. Lows, upper 30s and 40s. Periods of rain Friday. Highs, upper 40s and 50s. A chance of rain Saturday and decreasing clouds Sunday.
TENNESSEE: Cloudy skies tonight. Lows, upper 30s and 40s. Mostly cloudy Friday. Highs in the 50s. Partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday.

Election

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them would deny some black voters the right to vote.

If the challenged ballots are thrown out, Republican Perry O. Hooper Sr. is the likely winner of the chief justice's race. If the disputed votes are counted, Chief Justice Sonny Hornsby, a Democrat, likely has won re-election.

The appeals court has set final arguments in the case for Dec. 29. Wednesday was the deadline for written comments and any reply must be filed by Friday.

Jeff Long, attorney for Secretary of State Jim Bennett, told the 11th Circuit Wednesday he just wants the appeals court to tell him what to do about the disputed ballots.

Bennett originally joined absentee voters in asking the appeals court to overturn U.S. District Judge Alex Howard's Dec. 6 order to throw out the disputed ballots.

In written arguments Wednesday, Long said Bennett "takes no legal position" on whether the disputed ballots should be counted "but simply awaits the instructions of this honorable court."

Howard's order not to count the disputed ballots and Montgomery Circuit Judge Gene Reese's Nov. 18 order to count them put Bennett in an untenable position, Long said.

"Clearly, if any party has ever been between the proverbial rock and a hard place, it was Secretary of State Jim Bennett," Long told the appeals court.

Reese on Nov. 18 said the incomplete ballots are legal.

In written arguments Wednesday, Jordan said Reese's order "is so brazen an act of pretended judicial power as to be chilling." He called it "judicial legislation."

Whatley said the federal Voting Rights Act "prohibits any voting qualification, prerequisite, standard, practice or procedure" which denies the right to vote because of a person's race.

Leukemia

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There is "undisputed evidence" that Alabama's failure to count the disputed absentee ballots as ordered by Reese "had the result of excluding disproportionate numbers of black voters," Whatley said.

Howard had no jurisdiction to decide a state law question, Whatley said.

The Alabama Supreme Court, in October 1993, ruled in Williams v. Lide that "substantial compliance" with Alabama's absentee voting law — which requires the signatures of two witnesses or a notary — is sufficient to make an absentee ballot valid.

Bennett, who was unaware of the 1993 decision, advised county voting officials that ballots which lack the signatures of two witnesses or a notary public are invalid and should not be counted.

"Because of the secretary of state's ignorance of the most recent decision on point from the Alabama Supreme Court on the issue of state law, the proper standard was not followed in black belt and urban counties, with the effect that disproportionate numbers of black votes were excluded," Whatley said.

In some predominantly white counties, such as Winston and Marion, the 1993 standard was applied and incomplete ballots were counted, Whatley told the appeals court.

Officials in Winston and Marion counties have told *The Birmingham News*, however, that only properly witnessed ballots were included in the vote totals forwarded to the secretary of state.

Jordan said the disputed votes are illegal and counting them will violate the constitutional rights of the 1.3 million voters who cast legal ballots.

"The district court (Howard) found that state election officials were attempting to violate the constitutional rights of those 1.3 million Alabama voters who properly cast their ballots under the rules in effect at the time by implementing a different set of rules after the ballots were cast," Jordan said.

Investments

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more than 200 investors could participate in the suit.

Robert Foreman, who worked as a salesman for Forever Yours, and Clarence A. Graham, who founded the company and worked for three related companies, state in affidavits that as many as 500 people invested between \$10,000 and \$15,000 each in the companies. In order to solicit investments, the companies misrepresented potential profits and lied about references, said the two, who both are defendants in the lawsuit.

According to Graham, Forever Yours is one in a series of related businesses that followed the same pattern. In his affidavit, Graham said the businesses:

- Used newspaper ads placed in small papers near big cities to find prospective investors, who typically paid \$10,000 to \$15,000 for vending machines and routes to service them.
- Sent salesmen to visit people who answered the ads. The salesmen showed prospective investors charts including misleading information about potential or likely profits.
- Gave prospective investors lists of references including corporations, banks and pleased investors. The corporations often were the company's suppliers, the bank references often were bank employees paid to provide positive references and the investors often were company officials using assumed names, their relatives, friends or paid references.

■ Sold vending machines at a 400 percent to 500 percent markup.

Graham said he incorporated Forever Yours and Lucky Pix for William K. Messer of Clanton, who also is a defendant, and had nothing to do with the day-to-day operations of the two companies. But he said he worked as a salesman for three other related vending companies: Health Monitor Systems, North American Marketing Co. and Delta Products International. Managers of Health Monitor, North American Marketing and Delta Products are named as defendants in the suit.

Health Monitor Systems and Delta were run by Messer, he said. North American Marketing was run by another defendant, John D. Ford, who worked with Messer at Forever Yours, Graham said.

Efforts to reach Messer and Ford for comment were not successful.

Spina said he had been contacted by officials in the Alabama attorney general's office and the three companies named in the lawsuit are part of the larger investigation. The FBI and the attorney general are investigating about 30 companies and expect to take a case before a grand jury within several weeks, Jon Folmar, deputy attorney general, said last week.

The companies are linked by a series of common managers and employees, Folmar said.

Florida clinic doctor quits after complaints reported

PENSACOLA (AP) — An abortion doctor who took over for a slain colleague has quit his Florida job after activists publicized complaints against him from two other states.

Dr. Steven Chase Brigham stopped working at the Ladies Center several weeks ago. Staffers reported his absence to the state Board of Medicine, but no one was sure why he left. He had performed abortions there once a week since Dr. John Baynard Britton and his bodyguard were shot to death July 29 in the parking lot.

Brigham has been accused in New York of injuring two women during abortions and offering to perform an illegal third-trimester abortion. In New Jersey, he faces complaints of false advertising and unsanitary practices.

Mike and Vicky Conroy, Pensacola anti-abortion activists, have been trying to get Brigham's Florida license revoked for more than a month. They have issued news releases and held news conferences about the complaints in the other two states.

Brigham has agreed to stop practicing in New Jersey pending a final ruling there on his fitness as a doctor. His license was revoked in New York a month ago, a ruling he is appealing. Florida officials refused to say whether they are investigating Brigham.

Brigham has an unlisted telephone number in Connecticut. His lawyer, Nathan Dembin, said he hasn't been able to contact Brigham for several days and that he does not know why Brigham stopped practicing in Florida.

"It's probably because of pressure," Dembin said.

"This guy is being crucified all over the nation for two cases in New York," he said, adding that bad medicine, not Brigham, was to blame.

A woman who answered the phone at the Ladies Center declined to say whether the clinic has found a new doctor. She said administrator Linda Taggart was unavailable for comment.

Paul Hill, a former minister, has been convicted and sentenced to death for killing Britton and his escort.

Britton's predecessor at the Ladies Center, Dr. David Gunn, was shot to death outside another Pensacola abortion clinic in March 1993. Anti-abortion activist Michael Griffin was convicted of killing Gunn and is serving a life sentence without the possibility of parole for 25 years.

Korea

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honor guard in dress uniforms of their individual countries.

The U.N. flag was draped over the coffin and tied down as a white plastic bag carrying Hilemon's possessions was carried over. After a minute of silence, a minister said a brief prayer.

The body taken to a military hospital at Yongsan U.S. military base near central Seoul. It was to be flown later to Travis Air Force Base near San Francisco for an autopsy.

The helicopter incident has strained ties between the United States and reclusive North Korea just as they were beginning to ease.

"We certainly welcome this humanitarian move," White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers said, adding that the United States will continue to demand

North Korea opens air space to all foreign airline flights

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea declared today its air space would be opened to all foreign airlines, and announced plans to start a new air route linking Beijing and Tokyo with its capital of Pyongyang.

The declaration was seen as a countermeasure to today's inaugural flights by two South Korean airlines linking Seoul and Beijing. South Korean officials said the symbolic move would have little effect on the region's air transportation market.

Two Boeing 747 jumbo jets, owned by Korean Air and Asiana Airlines, left Seoul for Beijing early today, marking the opening of direct routes between the two capitals.

China, a longtime ally of North Korea, established formal ties with South Korea in 1992.

North Korea said through its official Korea Central News Agency that it will provide foreign airlines with "all the facilities and services for appropriate airline operation without discrimination."

The announcement came amid widespread reports that the reclusive communist nation was planning to adopt an open-door policy to revive its sagging economy.

Hall's release "in time for the Christmas holiday."

Defense Secretary William Perry said evidence indicates the helicopter crossed into North Korea by mistake.

"I believe the pilot made a mistake, and for many reasons we regret that mistake, but I do not believe the mistake warranted shooting down the helicopter," Perry said.

The last radio contact with the helicopter indicated the pilot believed he was still in South Korea, when in fact he was about 3.5 miles into North Korean territory, according to the Pentagon.

U.S. officials say the pilots may have been disoriented by heavy snow that covered navigational placards on the ground and made landmarks difficult to identify.



NATION

In Brief

Fire fatal to six kids blamed on arsonist

PHILADELPHIA — A fire that killed six children when it ripped through a rowhouse Friday had been set by someone using a gasoline-like liquid, authorities said.

The dead children, all found trapped on the second floor, ranged in age from 3 to 15.

The mother of four of the youngsters, 26-year-old Tracey Shaw, saved her 3-month-old son Nathaniel Johnson by throwing him from a porch roof to neighbors below, then jumped herself, said neighbor Munira Scott.

Georgia, Florida due \$32 million for floods

WASHINGTON — President Clinton is making \$32.2 million in emergency aid available to assist Florida and Georgia communities recovering from flooding and damage caused by Tropical Storm Alberto.

"The people of both Franklin County, Fla., and Macon, Ga., have worked hard to help those directly affected by the storm," Clinton said in a statement Friday. "As you continue with the cleanup, I hope this federal assistance will aid in the economic recovery of both communities."

Contract is labeled threat to air safety

ARLINGTON, Va. — Consumer advocates traveled to Washington's National Airport on Friday to complain that the Republicans' proposed Contract With America could threaten aviation safety.

Budget cuts and proposals to change laws covering damage suits are the prime threats, said Edwin S. Rothschild, public affairs director of Citizen Action.

From wire reports

WORLD WAR II

FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY

DEC. 24
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U.S. soldiers stop the 2nd Panzer Division just outside Dinant, bringing Hitler's Bulge offensive to a halt. Soviet infantrymen battle into the eastern edge of Budapest while the Red Army advance to the west has nearly cut off Hungary's capital. In Washington, the U.S. government resumes civilian beef rationing after a 7-month lapse and also sets new quotas for other foods.

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LOGAN FARMS

Honey Hams

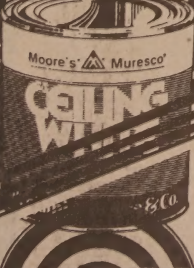
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U.S. doubts S. Korean report on freeing pilot for Christmas

SEOUL, South Korea, Korea (AP) — North Korea said it would release an American pilot on Christmas Day, more than a week after his helicopter went down, South Korea's Yonhap News Agency reported today. But a Pentagon official said he believed the report was false.

Yonhap said the agreement to release Chief Warrant Officer Bobby Hall came during a meeting between U.S. and North Korean officials at the truce village of Panmunjom, in the Demilitarized Zone that separates the two Koreas.

A senior Pentagon official said he couldn't confirm the report.

"We have no confirmation of that and we believe it to be wrong at this stage," said the official, speaking on the condition of anonymity. "There was supposed to be a meeting at Panmunjom, but it hasn't even started yet."

Hall's wife, Donna, said from her home in Brooksville, Fla., late Friday that she had heard nothing about an agreement from U.S. officials.

"I have no official word yet," she said. "I don't have any further comment at this point."

The release of the pilot would cap an incident that threatened to damage relations between Washington and Pyongyang that had been improving since they signed a nuclear accord two months ago.

On Thursday, North Korea released the body of Chief Warrant Officer David Hilemon of Clarksville, Tenn. Hilemon died when the U.S. Army OH-58C helicopter strayed into North Korean territory and went down Dec. 18.

The body was accompanied by U.S. Rep. Bill Richardson, who coincidentally arrived in North Korea the same day that the chopper either was shot down or made an emergency landing.

North Korea had refused to commit to a specific date, saying it needed to complete its investigation into the incident. North Korean officials have said the helicopter was on a spying mission and was shot down.

Pyongyang also has said that Hall is in good health. No contact is being allowed with him.

'Mad bomber' notes tied to NYC subway suspect

NEW YORK (AP) — The man accused of making the firebomb that engulfed a crowded subway car in flames had scrawled "I will keep doing this" and "Terror Mad Bomber" in notes sketching out a plot to extort money from the transit agency, a police source said Friday.

The notes were seized from the Scotch Plains, N.J., home of Edward Leary, police said.

Leary, 49, remained in critical condition Friday, himself one of 48 people injured in a botched firebombing Wednesday aboard a subway car in Lower Manhattan.

Investigators also believe the unemployed computer technician is responsible for a Harlem subway firebombing last week that injured two teenagers.

Leary scrawled and underlined the words "Terror Mad Bomber" and wrote, "I will keep doing this" in his notes, the source said. He also had sketched diagrams of several firebombing devices, according to the police source, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The source refused to disclose any more of the notes' contents. But authorities allege Leary hoped to use his crude bombs to spread fear in the subways, then contact news media and transit authorities with demands for money.

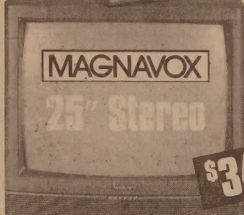
Police arrested Leary early Thursday in his hospital bed on 45 counts of attempted murder.

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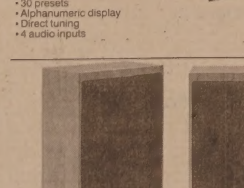
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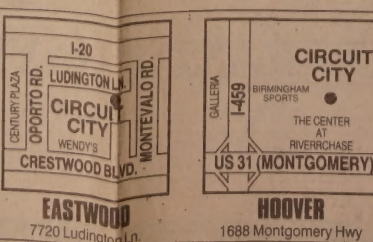
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WORLD

In Brief

Saudi religious leader: Islam permits peace

CAIRO, Egypt — Saudi Arabia's chief religious leader said making peace with Israel is permitted under Islam.

"Indefinite and temporary peace with the enemies is permitted (in Islam) if decision makers see an interest in it," Abdel-Aziz Ben Baz said in a newspaper interview Friday.

Soldiers discharged in Haiti demand pay

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Hundreds of discharged soldiers rallied in front of army headquarters Friday to demand back pay.

The soldiers were dismissed in a restructuring of Haiti's military, which once had 8,000 soldiers and 1,500 police officers.

Former Italy head blames his critics

ROME — Silvio Berlusconi made clear Friday what tops his wish list for the New Year — a call for elections and a chance to regroup his conservative political forces.

A day after submitting his resignation, the caretaker premier portrayed himself as a far-sighted leader beset by petty critics during his seven-month government.

Gun violence mars the quiet of Japan

TOKYO — Japanese news media confirmed Friday what many fear — that gun violence is rising in Japan, a country long known for its safety.

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Israel, Syria military experts join peace negotiators at talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Israel and Syria have expanded the closed talks their ambassadors are holding here to include military experts — a sign that the peace negotiations are getting serious.

The talks recessed after an initial session Thursday and are expected to resume next week but without military participation. Military experts will be available for consultation, however, as Ambassadors Itamar Rabinovich of Israel and Walid al-Moualem of Syria consider security conditions on the contested Golan Heights.

The ambassadors have met sporadically since early summer without breaking a deadlock over major issues that must be resolved if Syria is to follow the lead of Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization and conclude terms with Israel.

A State Department spokesman, David Johnson, said Friday the two sides were "serious" in their pursuit of peace, but he declined to confirm the meeting had taken place or to provide any details of negotiations between Israel and Syria.

While the State Department, like the rest of the government, quietly eased into a long Christmas weekend, Dennis Ross, the senior Mideast specialist in the administration, was overseeing the Israeli-Syrian meetings.

Lt. Gen. Ehud Barak, the Israeli chief of staff, and Maj. Gen. Danny Yatom, aide to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, represented their government's military aims and concerns in the meeting, according to sources.

Barak several times has questioned the wisdom of giving up the

Israeli security is tight in Bethlehem

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP) — Heavy Israeli security in Manger Square set Palestinian residents grumbling Friday despite expectations of the biggest Christmas crowd in years in the town where Jesus was born.

This is the first year since Israel occupied the West Bank 27 years ago that the Palestinians are in charge of

the holiday decorations under the new Palestinian self-rule authority. But security was another matter.

Hundreds of policemen and army border guards filled the square and rooftops Friday.

Tourism was one of five areas put under Palestinian control by the Israel-PLO autonomy pact. The square at the Church of Nativity, where tradition says Jesus was born nearly

2,000 years ago, shimmered with Christmas lanterns and streamers bearing Palestinian flags and pictures of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Many Palestinians had also hoped the pact would make this their first Christmas without the Israeli army.

But Israeli troops have converged there, wary that Palestinian militants might stage an attack.

strategic Golan Heights enclave, while also pledging Israel's military would carry out whatever peace treaty was concluded.

Israel has refused to consider yielding to Syria's demand that it surrender the Golan Heights without assurances the border would be safe.

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Minnesota plane crash fatal to Arab family is under investigation

By Val Walton
News staff writer

Federal investigators on Friday began trying to determine what caused a Piper Malibu Mi-rage airplane to crash after take-off in Minnesota, killing an Alab-ama airplane enthusiast, his wife and son who were coming home for Christmas.

Olmsted County Sheriff Steve Borchardt said Friday that in-vestigators from the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board started sifting through the plane's wreckage, scattered in an open field near Rochester.

Killed in Thursday's crash were Frank G. Ryder, 57, Caro-lyn Ryder, 43, and his son, Scott Ryder, 33, all of Arab.

"The objective of the investi-gation will be to locate and map all the pieces of the wreckage to preserve any perishable evi-dence that is present on the scene and to record any informa-tion that may be lost in the movement of the wreckage," Borchardt said.

He said that the wreckage will be moved from the crash site to a secured facility Saturday.

"This is tedious work," he said.

The family was enroute to Guntersville after spending a week at the Mayo Clinic, where Scott Ryder had successful sur-gery to remove a benign tumor from his pituitary gland.

The plane took off from Ro-chester Municipal Airport before noon, but the tower lost the air-craft from the radar.

Police searched the area and discovered the downed plane a few minutes later.

They were all pronounced dead at the scene.

The skies were overcast, but within the limits for acceptable takeoff conditions, according to Borchardt.

Authorities said it was too early to speculate on what caused the crash.

Ryder, an experienced pilot, was an inventor and founder of Ryder International, a multimil-lion-dollar company that devel-ops medical products.

He founded and owned the Lake Guntersville Aero Inc. Rep-lica Fighter Museum in Gunter-sville.

It is filled with World War I-era paraphernalia and fighter planes.

Ryder's publicist, Jesse Culp of Guntersville, said Friday that funeral arrangements for the family were incomplete.

Good help at wrecks is no accident

You often need not stop, but use common sense if you do offer aid

By Walter Bryant
News staff writer

If you come upon a highway ac-cident during the Christmas holiday or other times, your first decision is to stop and help or to keep going safely, says an Alabama State Trooper.

"Unless you are involved in the ac-cident, you have no obligation to stop," said Capt. Will Rogers, safety and public information officer for the Birmingham post.

He said a motorist who does stop should park far enough off the road to keep from being hit by traffic.

"Get out of the main flow of traf-fic," he said.

Rogers said those who stop just af-ter a wreck should check on the oc-cupants of the vehicles involved in the accident.

"If there are no visible signs of in-jury, and the car is not on fire, get the persons reasonably comfortable

and leave them where they are," he said.

Rogers said those who stop to help initially can go for help or ask pass-ing motorists to report the accident.

"Ask one (motorist) going in each direction, north and south, to get help," he said. "One may find a phone right away, but the other one may go for miles before finding a phone."

The trooper said identical phone calls about the same wreck do not bother troopers, sheriff's deputies or police officers.

"It does not upset us to get more calls," he said.

Rogers said truckers can quickly relay details about an accident using their citizens band radios.

He said troopers monitor CB chan-nels 9 and 19, which are used for emergencies.

"Truckers are the best about stop-ping to help," he said. "Frequently I'd arrive at a wreck and find truck-

ers had already gotten traffic flow under control."

Rogers said people going to find help have a responsibility to pinpoint the wreck as exactly as they can.

"Remember any landmarks that you see," he said. "Churches are good landmarks because we have all of them pinpointed on our maps."

"Or you might say the wreck is on a side road about two miles south of the big bridge over the Coosa River," he said.

People who stay at a wreck scene need to be especially careful when giving first aid to avoid contact with blood because of the risk of AIDS.

"If the injured person is able, let him hold a compress bandage over a wound to stop the bleeding," he said.

"Troopers always carry gloves and carry bleach solutions in their cars as a disinfectant," Rogers said.

He said witnesses giving investi-gating officers statements about what they saw seldom are required

to return to that city or state to tes-tify or give a deposition.

Rogers said a decision to not stop and help a crash victim still carries responsibilities.

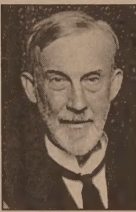
"Motorists tend to slow down to look," he said. "They are not watch-ful, and then 'boom,' you have an-other accident."

He said if a motorist sees several people already stopped to help, addi-tional help likely is not needed.

"You won't do much (additional) help unless you are a doctor or nurse," Rogers said.

Troopers have predicted 21 high-way fatalities during the Christmas and New Year's holidays, compared to 18 deaths on Alabama highways last year.

"We define Christmas as from 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 23, until mid-night on Dec. 26," he said. "New Year's is from 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 30, until midnight on Jan. 2."



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Ballots

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filed by the Democrats.

Winston County Probate Judge Billy C. Ford, in a sworn statement filed by Republicans, said officials decided to count the 81 ballots after Secretary of State Jim Bennett told them the notary whose term had ex-

pired "probably was still a valid no-tary."

Marion County Probate Judge An-nette Bozeman told *The Birming-ham News* that the reason all absen-tee ballots were counted in Marion County is that "they were all proper."

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Pastor insists on right to bar people with AIDS from church

Claims that God sent deadly virus

By William Macklin
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

PHILADELPHIA — Bishop Nathan Giddings stood and extended his arms as if reaching to pull the entire world into his grip, then let rip with the kind of loose-cannon pronouncement that has given him visibility far beyond the confines of his storefront church.

"People with AIDS want everyone to feel sorry for them," he said, pacing back and forth in front of the altar of his Philadelphia church. "But God sent this plague and only He can take it away."

Thus goeth the gospel according to Giddings.

It's been a hot topic for local religious leaders ever since it was learned that the storefront prelate's church, the Old Ship of Zion, bars people with acquired immune deficiency — *AIDS* — me.

Pastors and priests, rabbis and imams have all been chatting up Giddings' widely publicized views on the disease, as well as

his oft-stated prophecy that a sin-riddled United States will be expunged by heavenly forces before the year 2000.

It matters little to Giddings that many of his fellow Christian ministers consider him a misinformed demagogue whose interpretations of Scripture are seriously flawed, or that he and his 38-member congregation run the risk of becoming the punch-line for some bad ecclesiastical joke.

He stands by his gospel. And it isn't limited to AIDS and millennial destruction.

"I am the only servant of the living God," Giddings, 34, said during an interview. "The pope is a big phony, Louis Farrakhan is a big

phony. They're out to make gain. I'm not out to do that. I am out to save people, if they come through for their own obedience."

Under pressure to alter his stance, Giddings, instead, blasted his critics for having "abandoned God," and boasted repeatedly that he "is the only one who receives the word of God, not only for this congregation but for the world and especially this nation."

In the two weeks since AIDS activists began publicly criticizing Giddings, his church has been picketed, he has received angry mail from as far away as San Francisco, and thanks to a mild media feeding frenzy he has become an unlikely spokesman for those who share his views but don't dare express them.

A husky former copper plant worker with no theological training, Giddings was consecrated by his late minister father.

He dismisses science as a sham and said he "feels no shame" in admitting that most of his followers, who include his wife and seven children, are family members.

There seems to be widespread agreement among local religious leaders that Giddings' policy is inconsistent with how most of the area's churches treat people with AIDS.

"Everyone I have talked to has called me ignorant and crazy," Giddings said. "But every person the Lord has sent has been called crazy."

Golden Labs go low-tech, help put bite on arsonists

Journal of Commerce

Investigators are learning it takes more than experience to sniff out arson.

It takes a cold nose. The Bergen County Prosecutor's Office in Hackensack, N.J., with help from State Farm Insurance Co., Bloomington, Ill., believes one of its newest investigators, a golden Labrador retriever, will help them take a bite out of crime.

Four-year-old Maverick, with his handler Officer Steve Malone, has been involved in at least one suspected arson investigation a week over the last six months since the two graduated from a program run by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.

Using an already keen sense of smell from his training at the academy to sniff out gasoline and other accelerants used to set fires, Maverick can tell investigators whether a structure burned down from accidental causes or was torched.

State Farm has funded the five-week training program since early 1993, a year after the insurance giant learned the academy, opened in 1988 in Gray, Maine, north of Portland, was about to close its doors, said Tim Lindon, a State Farm spokesman based in Wayne, N.J.

State Farm is not the first insurance company to become involved with training dogs to sniff out arson, but its commitment to training 36 dogs is the largest, said Rick Gilman, executive director of the Insurance Committee for Arson Control in New York, a unit of the Insurance Information Institute.

Using dogs is a "sophisticated, low-tech way of enhancing the investigations process," said Gilman. "The dogs are extremely effective, more so than the electronic sniffers investigators used to use. The sensitivity of their noses is significantly greater than any mechanical device."

Besides an extremely sensitive sense of smell, Maverick has another advantage: a deceptively gentle appearance.

This is very important in catching arsonists who return to the scene following the fire, said Gilman.

Unlike the Doberman or German shepherds used to sniff out drugs, he said, Labradors sniffing for gasoline "are very non-threatening. They go to a crowd, tail wagging, and start sniffing around and all of a sudden the dog sits right next to a person and points with his nose at shoes or pant cuffs. The investigator has a reason to question the guy."



NO HOLIDAY JOY: Bundled against the cold and with her crutch in her lap, a woman begs from shoppers passing by on one of the main shopping streets in downtown Frankfurt, Germany, on Friday. Life is hard on the poor in one of the world's richest cities.

King family attacks Park Service plan to build MLK center

ATLANTA (AP) — The widow of the federal government of trying to steal his vision and destroy his family.

At the heart of the accusation is the government's plan to build an \$11.8 million visitors center for the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site. The family would prefer to build a multimedia museum.

"The same evil forces that destroyed Martin Luther King are now trying to destroy my family," Coretta Scott King said at a news conference attended by her four children.

Mrs. King and her son Dexter, chairman-elect of the King Center, accused the National Park Service of attempting to wrest away the family's control of King's legacy.

But Troy Lissimore, the parks superintendent, replied that King's "dream and legacy belong to the world."

The dispute has divided Atlanta's black community. Many residents support the government's project, which will provide improvements to

the neighborhood, and accuse the family of simply wanting to make a profit.

"If you took a poll in the neighborhood asking whether the National Park Service or the (King Center) should be retained, there would be no competition. The King Center would be out and nobody would miss them," said Mtamanika Youngblood of the Historic District Development Corp., which works to improve housing in the neighborhood.

The visitors center is scheduled for completion before the 1996 Olympics, when it is expected to handle 100,000 people a day. Work on the project — across the street from the family-run Martin Luther King Center for Nonviolent Social Change — began two months ago.

Dexter King disputed charges that the family is motivated by profit.

He said the family's planned museum would use multimedia and virtual reality so a child born after the civil rights struggles of the 1960s could "see what it was like to be attacked by the dogs and feel the hoses."

Girl, 10, kept cool as man entered home; hailed as hero

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Judy Vazquez was alone, baby-sitting her 5-year-old sister, Ilyne, when she heard a banging at the window of her North Fair Oaks home.

The 10-year-old's cool thinking in the next minutes on that Nov. 4 afternoon won Judy kudos Thursday from the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department.

Judy realized someone was breaking into the house when she heard the pounding. Her parents were at work and her older brother had not yet returned home. Scared, yet concerned about Ilyne's safety, she grabbed a portable telephone and her little sister's hand, eased her

way through her parents' bedroom and into their bathroom — the only room with a lock.

"I called 911 ... that's what my mom and dad taught me and what I learned in school," Judy said. "I went into the bathroom because the window is really small and I didn't think he could get in that way."

With her family at her side Thursday, and a proud smile, Judy accepted some awards from the sheriff's department, honoring her for bravery during the attempted burglary. She was given a citation of appreciation from the department as well as a plaque and a \$50 gift certificate.

The deputies also replayed the 911 tape during the ceremony, which was held in the

county board of supervisors' meeting room in Redwood City.

"He's wearing a baseball hat and a blue shirt," Judy is heard explaining to dispatcher Dawn Spray in a voice that was strained but was without hysteria. "He's climbing in the window."

Spray kept Judy on the phone until deputies arrived and arrested Wayne Madrid-Orlando, 29, on the basis of Judy's description. Madrid-Orlando pleaded no contest to a charge of attempted burglary and is awaiting sentencing.

After Spray assured Judy that she and her sister were safe, Judy asked whether the dispatcher could call her mother. The statement made her mom smile.

"I'm very proud of her," said Irma Vazquez, who works in Sunnyvale. "There are no words to describe my appreciation for all of you," she told the deputies.

After the ceremony, Ilyne had on a wide grin as she sat next to Judy, who was in a pretty pink dress. Judy's 911 tape will be used by the sheriff's department to train schoolchildren how to conduct themselves during a 911 call.

Judy was invited to tell her story on *Geraldo* about a week ago. She and her mother were flown to New York for the taping. "When (Geraldo) played the tape over, I wanted to cry," Judy said Thursday. "I felt like it was happening all over again ... I just wanted to go hug my sister."

Alaska drops case against banished teen

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A Tlingit Indian teenager who was banished to an island for beating a pizza deliveryman will not be charged for cursing and threatening a dentist, authorities said.

Adrian Guthrie, 18, was brought to a Ketchikan clinic from his island cabin to have his wisdom teeth removed a week ago.

Guthrie told police his tooth began to hurt during the surgery and dentist Brett Bass didn't promptly halt

work to further anesthetize him. Guthrie said he lost his head and shouted obscenities and threats at Bass, a police report said.

Clinic officials had said that nobody there wanted to press charges.

An Alaska tribal court in September sentenced Guthrie to a year to 18 months on an uninhabited Southeast Alaska island as an alternative to regular criminal sentencing for a Washington robbery.

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"Celebration of Life" for friends, family and persons living with HIV
United Way Board Room - 3600 8th Avenue South

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

This will be a reception to honor those who live with this disease every day.

Tuesday, November 28:

Candle lighting service in the Chapel at the Veterans Affairs Hospital
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Education training session for persons living with HIV/AIDS

"Social Security/Disability Benefits"

Birmingham AIDS Outreach

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Education training session for family members, partners and caregivers

"Resources Available in the Community/Support Groups"

Birmingham AIDS Outreach

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Birmingham Community Concert: Songs, Prayers, and Healing

Temple Emanu-El - 2100 Highlands Avenue

7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 29:

Thursday, November 30:

Educational Booth will be set up at one of the local malls

12:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, December 1:

Memorial for St. George's Patients

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Care Tree set up in Five Points by ATFA

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Tolling of the Bells by local congregations
15 times for the 15th year of the epidemic
1:50 p.m.

Gathering of the community at Brother Bryan Park

6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Candlelight Walk from Brother Bryan Park to Baptist Church of the
Covenant - Corner of 8th Avenue South and 22nd Street

6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

AIDS Interfaith Memorial Service at Baptist Church of the Covenant
7:00 p.m.

Premiere showing of the Electric Blanket

Space One Eleven Art Studio - 2409 2nd Avenue North

8:30 p.m.

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A show sponsored by the health department summarizing World AIDS
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Saturday, December 2:

Sunday, December 3:

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3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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Dear Network Members:

In the coming editions of the **Focus Paper**, we will deal with subjects only touched on in previous editions. These will include teen HIV/AIDS education, HIV/AIDS and the African-American congregation and worship resources for congregations. **Focus Paper 27** addresses the issues of teen HIV/AIDS education within the congregation. It is the first of a two-part series. **Focus Paper 28** will continue this emphasis with helpful teaching models you can use to educate the teens in your congregation to develop a healthy and appropriate appreciation for the issues and concerns related to HIV/AIDS.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reports that youth and young adults are one of the fastest growing segments of the population at risk for and being infected with HIV. While issues

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associated with HIV/AIDS and prevention are potentially controversial, a failure on our congregation's part to address those issues with integrity, honesty and comprehensiveness endangers our youth and dishonors God.

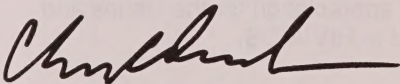
Diana Hynson is author of *To the Point: Youth Confront Issues AIDS*. She has a wealth of experience in working with teens and providing educational resources and training for persons working with teens. Her frank discussion of the vital interests of teaching youth in our congregations about HIV/AIDS can inform our work of stemming the tide of the spread of this disease.

Abstinence is the ideal and standard set forth by the church and most of society in relation to youth sexual activity. It is appropriate for the church to stress and support abstinence. It is equally appropriate and even vital that the church stress and support comprehensive HIV/AIDS education within that context. To do anything less is to shun our responsibility as people faith, love and hope.

If we do not address forthrightly and honestly the realities of our youth's lives today, we will have little hope of reaching them. Relying solely on a message of "just say no" will not work. It has not been successful in dealing with substance abuse. It will not be successful in dealing with HIV/AIDS or its associated problems.

The HIV/AIDS crisis within our youth and young adult population will only grow unless we are willing to be honest and open with the facts and realities of HIV/AIDS. This crisis calls us to respond with love, compassion and comprehensive information.

Grace & Peace,



Charles Carnahan
Executive for HIV/AIDS Ministries



Cathie Lyons
Associate General Secretary

AIDS EDUCATION FOR TEENS IN THE CHURCH

by Diana L. Hynson

- ◆ **AIDS is a killer. Teens are being infected with HIV at an alarming rate.**
- ◆ **To date there is no cure. We have known for over a decade how the disease is transmitted. Still there are so many new cases.**
- ◆ **Why, when we know how to catch it and how not to catch it, are persons being infected with HIV? Ignorance, inadequate education, apathy, denial, mythical thinking are a few reasons for the high incidence of teenage infections.**

Where Is the Church?

Christians believe that persons are inherently valuable; that life is sacred; that patience, forbearance, and self-control are fruits of the Spirit; and that speaking the truth to each other in love is an obligation. We have ministered faithfully and intelligently to countless persons who have been infected with and died from the complications of AIDS.

We need to maintain a faithful ministry of compassion and education before and after persons become ill. But we have not always been able to do honest education about HIV transmission. We have sometimes preferred ignorance and denial (and even judgment) to honesty and forthrightness.

One reason for our struggles over whether and how to provide AIDS education for teens has to do with the taboo nature of two of the modes of transmission of HIV--sex and drugs. Some church persons have turned to the single message of abstinence. While abstinence is important, we need to

avoid the trap of thinking that such a message is sufficient. It isn't.

Another common response to confronting the need for AIDS education for teens is denial. "That sort of stuff doesn't go on here; not with our kids" can be a deadly form of denial. "Good kids" experiment with risky behaviors. We need to face that honestly. Teenagers are sexually active, including youth in our churches. Some may try drugs.

The United Methodist Church, as a denomination and as individual members, is not content to sit back, watch persons become infected, and do nothing. We cherish life too much. We are a redemptive, saving community. But we have more to do, especially with teens.

What About Today's Teens?

Today's young people have received a lot of press; much of it bad. They have been called the Lost Generation, Generation X (no name needed!), the Throwaway Generation, a generation of losers and cynics. While these unkind labels may describe some teens, it is neither fair nor accurate to lump 12 to 25-year-olds in a single category and think we understand them.

If we are to do preventive education with teens, we must understand something about them. Older teenagers, as a generation, have inherited a world gone awry. They feel intensely betrayed by the global mess left by older generations. They have been raised in a permissive societal structure that has in many ways denied them and blamed them at the same time. The educational arena has been a key area

where this no-win scene is played. Consequently, many older teens live out a survival mentality.

"What works" is a basic value for these teens. They may think that Christian values of ministry and service are too altruistic as they try to figure out how to live with the mess someone else dumped on them. They value what feels good at the moment because they have dim hope for the future. Idealism has to wait.

Many teens feel immortal. They think nothing could possibly happen to them (mythical thinking) but at the same time are fearful about the future. This fear takes several forms, including the fear that a parent will die. Although the thought of someone else's death is disconcerting, many teens have little concern about their own death, at least due to illness and the consequences of at-risk behavior. In contrast, many teens in violent urban environments believe they will not live to age 25.

A fatalistic attitude or apathy about the future is a breeding ground for participation in at-risk behaviors. For girls who get pregnant to have a baby, who will "love me unconditionally," abstinence is not even an issue. For these girls, condom use is not relevant. Likewise, using drugs as a means of escape or relief is much more important than where a needle came from and whether it was bleached clean. When "now" is the most important thing, education and planning ahead fall by the wayside.

Younger teens are more idealistic,

order-oriented, trusting of institutions. In significant ways, they are more like the generation of their grandparents in the Civic Generation--those persons now in their late

sixties and seventies.

These characterizations are general and superficial at best but illustrate that there is no one-size-fits-all definition of teenagers. Couple that with the generational differences of adults who are called to

teach and lead teens, and you can see how complicated such a diverse ministry of education can be.

When it comes to teaching, many of us are back in what teens must regard as the horse-and-buggy days of sit-down classes, lecture presentations, student workbooks. Most teens want more, especially since they get more almost everywhere except in the traditional educational models of the church. Many teens, for example, are more oriented to visual and narrative forms of communication. Reading print material is decidedly unappealing. Interactive video and story forms capture their attention.

Should the Church Be Teaching?

United Methodist's should be teaching teens about HIV/AIDS. *The Book of Discipline* charges the church with the responsibility of sexuality education, which these days is not complete without information about AIDS.

Only the church can teach teenagers about AIDS in a biblical and theological context.

The context of youth fellowship groups or small group ministry offers an easy entry for topical studies. But not all education happens in a formal setting; some occurs in the hallway, some on the way to a youth event, some on the phone in the midst of another conversation. Kids can catch us off guard! Any adult could be asked for help or information.

Working with youth is challenging. We have a special obligation to honor the ministry of education and our young people by encouraging and nurturing those adults whom God calls to work with youth. In addition to a calling, adult workers should have certain basic qualities and skills to be effective with HIV/AIDS education of teens.

What Do Adult Workers with Youth Need to Be Ready to Teach?

** Commitment to growth and understanding*

Imagine yourself as an adult friend to youth who may assume the role of formal or informal teacher about HIV/AIDS. Perhaps the first requisite is a commitment to personal growth and understanding, your own as well as the youth's. An adult worker with youth must first deal with his or her own feelings about relationships, life, death, sex and drugs.

If you have not thought about your own mortality, you are not adequately prepared to talk about a disease that is fatal. Put yourself in the position of someone who has a fatal disease. Ask yourself these questions: "Have I made a will? Have I thought about the impact of physical, psychological, and relational losses will

have on the quality of my life as my disease progresses? Have I thought about the pain of diagnosis and the fear of having to tell someone that I have a fatal disease? Have I contemplated the reaction of the people with whom I work, play, attend church, and live? Will they reject me? Support me? Judge me?" What would you do in any of those circumstances?

Explore how you feel about sex. Do you feel sex is a good gift from God that is meant to be practiced lovingly and responsibly, or is sex something dirty that is talked about only in hushed tones? Can you discuss sex and

sexuality both objectively and relationally? Are you comfortable with your own sexuality and the way you live out your sexuality? Can you cope with a conversation that may get a bit more "earthy" than you would like? Are you able to help interpret to each gender the different ways males and females regard sexuality and sexual behavior? Can you encourage and teach responsible sexual behavior without shutting down the conversation with someone who may be sexually active? Do you know the facts about AIDS, HIV, and other STDs?

Ask yourself the same kinds of questions about drug use. Could a teen admit that he or she has experimented, or even has a drug habit? Do you recognize the signs of drug use so you can be aware of and sensitive to a teen who uses drugs? Are you aware of the personal and community resources that provide help?

** Establishing trust*

Establishing a climate of trust and confidentiality is crucial if there is to be any

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honest discourse and education about HIV/AIDS. A fundamental role the church can play in any ministry is to be a place of trust and openness. Teens need adults who keep the lines open and are good listeners. If it's okay to talk about drugs and sex and at-risk behaviors in the church, then we demonstrate ourselves as the true Body of Christ, where love and justice abound.

If we are to offer guidance and support in a Christian context, we need to hold judgment in abeyance. A teen who expects to be judged and found wanting will not confide or ask questions. A youth whose confidence has been betrayed, even in the most minor way, will be quite reluctant to reestablish trust. This does not mean, of course, that anything goes. Support and accountability go together, but judgmentalism and inflexibility will turn off a teenager in a hurry. Then all chance of conversation, education, and commitment is lost.

** Keeping confidences but not secrets*

There's a big difference between keeping a confidence and keeping a secret. Private comments, attitudes, and thoughts that are not intended for other audiences need to be kept private, provided that the confidentiality is not dangerous or illegal.

When a teen indicates he or she needs time for a private conversation, clarify before the fact that you can't and won't make promises about confidentiality that you can't keep. If a teen admits to engaging in serious at-risk behavior, he or she needs help, perhaps professional intervention. In some instances, you may be legally obligated to report what you know to the appropriate authorities, particularly in cases of violence, such as child abuse. All

National AIDS Hotline Training Bulletin #114, Centers of Disease Control, Atlanta, Georgia.

The number of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) cases reported each year among U.S. adolescents (13-19 years of age) has increased from 1 case in 1981 to 588 cases in 1993. Through June 1994, a total of 1,768. HIV/AIDS has been sixth leading cause of death among 15-to-24 year-olds in the United States since 1991.

Although the number of adolescents with AIDS is relatively small, we know many more young people are infected with HIV. Since 1 in 5 reported AIDS cases is diagnosed in the 20-29 year age group, and the incubation period between HIV infection and AIDS diagnosis is many years, it is clear that large numbers of people who were diagnosed with AIDS in their 20s became infected with HIV as teenagers. (Through June 1994, more than 15,000 persons aged 20-24 and more than 60,000 persons aged 25-29 have been diagnosed with AIDS.)

Among adolescents reported with AIDS, older teens, males, and racial and ethnic minorities are disproportionately affected. However, the proportion of females among U.S. adolescent AIDS cases has more than doubled, from 14 percent in 1987 to 32 percent by June 1994.

Many American teenagers are engaging in behaviors that may put them at risk of acquiring HIV infection, other sexually transmitted infections, or infections associated with drug injection. Recent CDC studies conducted every 2 years in high schools (grade 9-12) consistently indicated that by the twelfth grade, approximately three-fourths of high school students have had sexual intercourse; less than half report consistent use of latex condoms, and about one-fifth have had more than four lifetime sex partners. Many students report using alcohol or drugs when they have sex and, in the most recent survey, 1 in 62 high school students reported having injected an illegal drug. Surveys conducted in 1992 show that reported condom use actually declines with age, often because other forms of contraception, such as birth control pills, are used more frequently in the older age groups, and/or many older youth are married or in long-term monogamous relationships.

adults who work with youth need to be familiar with state laws about disclosure and mandated reporting.

What Should the Church Teach?

When doing HIV/AIDS education within a religious context, we have a better opportunity to put it within a more holistic context of bodily, emotional, and spiritual health. We can talk about the Bible, theology, ministry, Christian ethics. We must know the facts about HIV/AIDS. We may have to spend some extra time reviewing material in the Bible, books about HIV/AIDS and the religious community, and United Methodist perspectives on human sexuality and HIV/AIDS in the Social Principles and *The Book of Resolutions*. The church should teach:

The church should teach abstinence, but we protect our teens best when we offer the most comprehensive education we can, including use of condoms and their limitations.

* *Biblical and theological foundations*

AIDS and STDs are not mentioned in the Bible but diseases and personal and religious treatment of persons who are sick are. Also the Bible, through its emphasis on the Great Commandments of love of God, self and others gives a foundation on where to begin with sexual ethics.

The Bible reveals a number of different attitudes and responses to sickness, including sickness as a punishment of sin from God, sickness being caused by Satan, sickness as a path toward healing of self and even others, sickness which demands a loving nonjudgmental response from the religious community, and sickness that just is, with no apparent source. Too often, religious people have viewed sickness, and therefore AIDS, as a punishment from God.

The United Methodist Church has taken a stand which is more consistent with Jesus' approach to sickness, which was compassion, not condemnation. In Matthew 25, Jesus clearly teaches that those who are God's followers visit the sick, care for them.

Hospitality, not hostility, toward persons with AIDS is a key response. Some have called persons with HIV the "lepers" of our day. The Bible records how poorly lepers were treated, until Jesus came. Mark 1:40-45 relates the story of Jesus touching and healing a leper. (See also Matthew 8:2-4 and Luke 5:12-16.) As we teach teens about AIDS, we must remember that ministry to and about the "untouchables" of society formed the core of Jesus' ministry.

* *Abstinence and more*

Sexuality is not simply about sex and whether or not one is sexually active or abstinent. The Social Principles in *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* (Par. 71F) gives a brief statement about "God's good gift to all persons." The principles also take the stance that "sexual relations are only clearly affirmed in the marriage bond." It speaks against exploitive sex, which can happen inside and outside of marriage.

Abstinence is a crucial message for teens, and more are taking this option seriously, avoiding premarital sex and unprotected sex. To think this message is sufficient, however, is simplistic for several reasons. First, virgins can become HIV-infected through using an infected hypodermic

needle. Two virgins can know each others' sexual history and not be out of danger of infection.

Second, not all teens, including teens in the church, wait until marriage to have sex. These teens need to know all about HIV/AIDS and the safest ways to have sex. Ultimately, the decision to engage in sexual behavior is up to the youth. The church should teach abstinence, but we protect our teens best when we offer the most comprehensive education we can, including use of condoms and their limitations.

Third, teens may believe that if they have protected sex, they will be safe. While condoms are probably the best protection, if used properly each and every time, the virus could penetrate the condom wall if there is a small hole. And teens caught in the clutches of raging hormones don't always use condoms properly, if at all. Honest education about all potential behaviors and their risks is essential.

The basic argument applies in the case of drug use as well. The church appropriately teaches abstinence from illegal drug use (The Social Principles, Par. 721), but some teens ignore that lesson also. Rather than judge or ignore them, we need to provide comprehensive education about the potential consequences of drug usage and where to go for help.

When HIV/AIDS education is provided in an open, flexible, nonjudgmental environment, and we model healthy behaviors and attitudes, we minister responsibly to our teens.

How Should We Teach?

Through the school system, youth have experienced multimedia teaching/learning techniques--computers, videos, and other creative methods. Since many youth are more visually oriented, rather than print oriented, we should offer options as creative as possible, such as simulation games, case studies with open-ended situations that teens find relevant, and action-reflection activities.

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The first volume, *AIDS*, in the *To the Point: Confronting Youth Issues* series published by Abingdon Press offers easy-to-use teaching articles and ready-to-go programs on AIDS education. In addition, that resource provides a helpful section "When Someone Comes to You" that gives information to adult workers with youth on how to prepare for pastoral ministry to teenagers.

For a detailed list of helpful teaching methods, see the June 1995 Focus Paper. *To the Point: AIDS* is available from Cokesbury. Call 1-800-672-1789.

The Future of Children, Critical Health Issues for Children and Youth, Vol.4, No 3-Winter 94.

The World Health Organization estimates that half of the 14 million people in the world who are infected with HIV were infected between the ages of 15 and 24. In the United States, the three largest national studies of youth in the military, college health services, and the Job Corps report overall HIV infection rates of 1/1000, 2/1000, and 3/1000, respectively. The rates vary enormously by region, gender, and ethnic/racial groups. The fastest growing rates of HIV are no longer reported from the large coastal cities known to be hard hit in the 1980s. Now, mid-Atlantic states are reporting the greatest increase in HIV rates among young women, according to the latest study of female Job Corps students. Studies of youth living in high-risk situation, such as those in a shelter in New York City, report much higher rates, up to 160/1000 for older adolescent males. In several recent studies, young women are now becoming infected at a faster rate than either young men or adult women. For example, in the most recent report from the Job Corps, female students had HIV rates twice as high as those of their male counterparts. In Asia, where HIV is spreading quickly, teenaged girls ages 15 to 19 are reported to have the highest rates among women. AIDS cases in adolescents are not a good indicator of the extent of HIV infection because most teenagers with HIV have not been tested and because it takes, on average, 10 years for people with HIV to be diagnosed with AIDS.



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Thanks for your participation!

CDC National AIDS Clearinghouse Resource Organization Questionnaire

The CDC National AIDS Clearinghouse (NAC) is a service provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). A primary goal is to serve as a comprehensive source for information about organizations in the United States that provide AIDS-related services or resources. The Clearinghouse is authorized to collect this information by Section 301 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 241). The mission of the Clearinghouse is to serve the information needs of State and local HIV/AIDS program personnel and other professionals. The general public also has access to this information by calling the CDC National AIDS Hotline, which provides referrals from the NAC database to local service organizations.

One of the Clearinghouse's most pressing needs is to gather information about the resources and services available to persons with HIV and AIDS. The information you provide on your organization or program will be added to the NAC online database and will be made available to professionals and other users. Your participation is voluntary.

Instructions

This questionnaire is designed to help us learn as much as we can about the services of your organization. The first 17 questions are intended for all respondents to answer. The next section is designed for providers of direct services to clients. The final section is intended for providers of education, information, and research services. A number of skip patterns have been introduced to allow you to by-pass sections of the questionnaire that are not applicable to your organization.

Since the questionnaire is a multi-purpose form that will be sent to many different types of organizations, some questions may not apply to your organization. *We urge you to attach any printed information about your organization, particularly if additional space is needed to fully describe your services.*

If you complete the questionnaire by hand, please use ink (not pencil).

When you have finished the questionnaire, please note the last section that asks for your name and phone number. This information is important if we need to clarify your answers.

Please return the completed questionnaire in the enclosed postage-paid envelope to the following address or Fax it to (301) 738-6616.

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ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

1. Please provide the formal name of your organization including any department, division, or office (e.g., *Maricopa County Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health, Sexually Transmitted Diseases/AIDS Clinic*). Attach your organization's letterhead, if possible. _____

2. If applicable, indicate the acronym by which your organization is known: _____
3. Please provide your organization's address: (If your organization has other site locations, list on a separate sheet of paper and attach).
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4. May we release your organization's name and address to for-profit and not-for-profit organizations requesting mailing labels? ☐ Yes ☐ No
5. List your organization's telephone number(s) and the times when staff are available:
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*Hotline Number: _____ Hours: _____
TDD/Deaf Access Number: _____ Hours: _____
FAX Number: _____
Computer Modem Number: _____
*Specify any restrictions on your (1-800) or Hotline numbers (e.g., *accessible within your state or county only*).

6. Provide the name and title of the individual who is in charge of your organization (e.g., *Executive Director, Division Chief, President, CEO*) and other key staff (e.g., *State HIV Prevention Program Coordinator, AIDS Educator*).
Name: _____ Title: _____
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7. Many organizations provide services within a limited geographical area. Using the list below, please specify the geographical area or areas most often served by your organization (e.g., *The Miami AIDS Task Force serves Dade County, Fla., The Whitman-Walker Clinic serves the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area*).
Cities: _____
Counties: _____
States: _____
Regions: _____
National: _____
Other: _____

8. List other HIV/AIDS-related associations/groups with which your organization works or is closely affiliated (e.g., consortia, task forces, coalitions, referral networks, interdenominational or interfaith organizations).
9. How many full-time equivalent staff work for your organization? _____ How many are salaried? _____ volunteers? _____
10. Do you want prospective volunteers referred to your organization to help you carry out your HIV/AIDS services?
☐ Yes ☐ No
11. Provide the specific names(s) of current funding sources for your organization's HIV/AIDS services (e.g., *National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Washington, D.C. Commission on HIV/AIDS; Robert Wood Johnson Foundation*).
- Federal source(s): _____
- State source(s): _____
- County/city source(s): _____
- Non-governmental/private source(s): _____
12. If your organization is a government agency, check the appropriate government level below.
☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ City ☐ Other _____
13. If your organization is non-government, check the description that best characterizes your organization:
☐ For-profit ☐ Not-for-profit
14. If your organization is not-for-profit, is it affiliated with a religion or religious denomination? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 If yes, which religion or denomination? _____
15. Does your organization have a written HIV/AIDS policy? ☐ Yes ☐ No
16. Is childcare available while using your organization's HIV/AIDS services? ☐ Yes ☐ No

The following sections request specific information about the clients and services of your organization. In completing these questions, please note the primary populations served or unique services offered.

CLIENTS OF YOUR ORGANIZATION

17. Please describe the specific and primary client groups your organization serves or targets (e.g., *women, men who have sex with men, children*). Include in your description hard-to-reach groups (e.g., *injecting drug users and their sexual partners, runaway youth, gay and lesbian adolescents*), ethnic or cultural minorities (e.g., *African-American women, Hispanic heterosexual men*), groups with special needs (e.g., *the deaf*), or those who are dual diagnosed (e.g., *HIV-positive alcoholics*). Additionally, please estimate what percentage of your total service population is represented by those groups. If more than one group is targeted, list the percentages separately.
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

CLIENT SERVICES OF YOUR ORGANIZATION

18. Does your organization provide direct services to clients who are infected or affected by HIV (e.g., *testing, treatment, support services, referrals*)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

IF NO, SKIP TO QUESTION 20, PAGE 6. IF YES, GO TO QUESTION 19.

19. For each service provided by your organization, place a check in the adjacent "Service Provided?" column. If an appointment or payment is required, or if a sliding fee is available, check these columns too. If the services are available in languages other than English (e.g., Spanish, Creole, American Sign Language), specify which language in the far right column. Please note in the space provided at the end of each section whether the service(s) you checked are targeted at specific groups. If you provide HIV antibody testing and counseling or support group services, answer the questions in the accompanying shaded boxes.

	Service Provided?	Requires Appointment	Requires Payment	Sliding Fee	Other Language(s) Available
19a. HIV Antibody Testing/Counseling					
Confidential Testing	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Anonymous Testing	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Confidential Pre-Test Counseling	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Anonymous Pre-Test Counseling	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Confidential Post-Test Counseling	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Anonymous Post-Test Counseling	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
HIV Antibody Testing Referrals Only	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Other _____	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____

Specific target groups or additional comments: _____

HIV ANTIBODY TESTING/COUNSELING

- Are there any restrictions on who can be tested (e.g., age, residency requirements)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe. _____

- How soon after testing can clients get results? _____

- Does your organization conduct partner notification? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what is the procedure? _____

- Is testing available without counseling? ☐ Yes ☐ No

- In the space below, describe your pre- and post-test counseling programs (e.g., number of sessions, hours, includes partners, family members). _____

- If counseling and testing is offered for adolescents, are the procedures different from those for adults?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe the differences. _____

- Is parental consent required for HIV antibody testing for minors? ☐ Yes ☐ No

- Is parental notification required for HIV antibody testing for minors? ☐ Yes ☐ No

- What state and/or local laws or regulations govern confidentiality and anonymity in your locality?

	Service Provided?	Requires Appointment	Requires Payment	Sliding Fee	Other Language(s) Available
19b. Treatment/Care					
AIDS Treatment	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Alternative Therapies	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Case Management	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Dental Services	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
HIV-positive/Substance Abuse Treatment	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
HIV-positive/TB Treatment	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Home Nursing Care	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Hospice Services	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Medical Supplies and Equipment	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Pharmacy Assistance	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Primary Care	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Respite Care	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Other _____	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____

Specific target groups or additional comments: _____

19c. Interventions/Counseling					
Crisis Intervention Counseling	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Extended Counseling, Therapy	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Nutritional Counseling	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Safer Sex Counseling	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Spiritual, Pastoral Counseling	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Substance Abuse Counseling	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Support Groups (<i>see shaded box</i>)	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Other _____	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____

Specific target groups or additional comments: _____

SUPPORT GROUPS

- Please list the types of support groups your organization offers (*e.g., bereavement for partners, HIV-positive heterosexual women, HIV-positive injecting drug users, sexual partners of HIV-positive persons*).

- Provide support group telephone numbers (if different from those listed in question 5).

- Who facilitates your support groups (*e.g., case managers, peers, PWA's, volunteers*)?

	Service Provided?	Requires Appointment	Requires Payment	Sliding Fee	Other Language(s) Available
19d. Support Services/Referrals					
Clothing Bank	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Companions/Buddies to People with AIDS	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Counseling Referrals	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Day/Foster Care for People with AIDS	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Financial Assistance (for individuals)	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Financial Referrals (for individuals)	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Food Services	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Funding Services (for organizations)	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Funeral Assistance	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Homemakers, Home Health Aides	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Housing Referrals	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Housing Services	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Legal Assistance	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Legal Referrals	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Physician Referrals	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Recreational, Social Programs	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Transportation	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____
Other _____	☐	☐	☐	☐	_____

Specific groups or additional comments: _____

EDUCATION/INFORMATION/RESEARCH SERVICES OF YOUR ORGANIZATION

20. Does your organization provide research, education, or information services? ☐ Yes ☐ No

IF NO, SKIP TO QUESTION 22, PAGE 7. IF YES, GO TO QUESTION 21.

21. For each service provided by your organization, place a check in the adjacent "Service Provided?" column. If the services are available in languages other than English (e.g., Spanish, French), specify which language in the far right column. If you conduct workplace education or produce materials, answer the questions in the accompanying shaded boxes.

	Service Provided?	Other Language(s) Available
21a. Research/Surveillance		
Behavioral Research	☐	_____
Drug, Pharmaceutical Research	☐	_____
Epidemiological Data Analysis, Statistical Reporting	☐	_____
Policy Analysis, Recommendations	☐	_____
Seropositive Surveillance and/or Contact Tracing	☐	_____
Vaccine Development Research	☐	_____
Other _____	☐	_____
21b. Education/Information		
Advertising or Educational Campaigns (to the public)	☐	_____
Clearinghouses	☐	_____
Databases, Electronic Media	☐	_____
Library Services	☐	_____
Materials Dissemination	☐	_____
Materials Production (see shaded box)	☐	_____
Meetings, Conferences	☐	_____
Networking	☐	_____
Outreach Education Services	☐	_____
Speakers Bureaus	☐	_____
Training, Workshops, Seminars	☐	_____
Workplace Education (see shaded box)	☐	_____
Other _____	☐	_____

WORKPLACE EDUCATION

- Do you provide HIV/AIDS education to employees of your organization? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Do you provide HIV/AIDS education to employees of other organizations? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Is your organization willing to take referrals from other organizations that are trying to establish a workplace program or policy? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Who is the key contact person in your organization for HIV/AIDS workplace education?

Name: _____

Title: _____ Telephone Number: _____

MATERIALS PRODUCTION

- If your organization produces HIV/AIDS education and prevention materials, check the type(s) below. (DO NOT CHECK if you distribute materials produced by another source).
 - ☐ Audiovisuals (Videotapes, Audiotapes, Slides)
 - ☐ Brochures/Pamphlets/Flyers
 - ☐ Client Intake Forms
 - ☐ Directories
 - ☐ Fact Sheets
 - ☐ Low-Literacy Materials
 - ☐ Manuals
 - ☐ Newsletters (*please attach copies*)
 - ☐ Policy Statements
 - ☐ Posters
 - ☐ Radio/TV/Print Public Service Announcements
 - ☐ Reports
 - ☐ Statistical Information
 - ☐ Surveys
 - ☐ Teaching Guides/Curricula
- If available, please send us at least one copy of the print and/or audiovisual material(s) produced by your organization.
 - ☐ Materials enclosed
 - ☐ Materials being forwarded separately

22. Does your organization operate a hotline? ☐ Yes ☐ No

IF NO, SKIP TO NEXT SECTION. IF YES, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SHADED BOX.

HOTLINES

- Is your hotline an AIDS hotline? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Hotline Name: _____

- Hotline Address (if different from organization's in question 1 of this questionnaire).

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

- Using the following form, describe the operation of the services provided by your hotline.

Service	Telephone #	Days	Hours	# of Lines	# of Calls/Year
English					
Spanish					
TDD/Deaf Access					
Other					

- Is there any time when you do not have live operators answering the telephones? If so, please specify and indicate how you answer calls during those periods. _____

- Describe the training your staff receives, including training for your volunteers (e.g., hours of training, AIDS 101, crisis counseling). _____

- Provide the source(s) of your hotline's funding: ☐ Government (% of total _____)
☐ Non-government (% of total _____) ☐ Donations/Fundraising (% of total _____)

The CDC National AIDS Clearinghouse and the CDC National AIDS Hotline refer callers to organizations every day. We want to be certain that the information we provide about your organization is as complete as possible. Please provide any other details about your organization that are not captured in this questionnaire. Feel free to attach written materials that describe your organization (e.g., brochure). _____

Thank you for providing information about your organization. Please complete the following and sign this questionnaire. This information will be used for clarification purposes only and will not be included in the CDC National AIDS Clearinghouse databases.

Your Name: _____

Title or position: _____

Phone: () _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

If you need help completing this questionnaire, contact the CDC National AIDS Clearinghouse: 1-800-458-5231 (ext. 5753).